

(3) No more than 50% of its voting securities or other voting interests are owned, directly or indirectly, by one or more registered holding companies; and

(4) The acquisition by the registered holding company or subsidiary thereof of its interest in such company has been approved by the Commission pursuant to sections 9(a)(1) and 10 of the Act and applicable rules thereunder upon a timely application to the Commission.

(b) The exemption provided by this rule shall continue in effect during the pendency of such application. If an acquisition is made subject to Commission approval, the exemption provided by this rule is not terminated if the Commission does not grant its approval. In that event any such acquisition shall be disposed of in accordance with the order of the Commission.

(c) If a registered holding company directly or indirectly acquires any voting securities of such company, or any other voting interest, pursuant to this rule, the holding company shall include as an exhibit to its annual report on Form U5S a copy of the annual report of such company. It may incorporate by reference the annual report such company is required to file pursuant to other statutes administered by the Commission.

NOTE: Exhibits filed under paragraph (c) shall be submitted to the Commission in paper only, whether or not the registrant is otherwise required to file in electronic format. An electronic filer must submit paper exhibits under cover of Form SE (§259.603).

(d) This rule does not affect the authority of any agency having jurisdiction over rates with respect to a company exempt under this rule, including authority over affiliate transactions by or with such company pursuant to the laws administered by that agency.

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§ 250.20 Prescribed forms and amendments.

(a) *General provisions.* (1) Any provision in the rules in this part requiring the filing of any application, declaration, report or other document on a specified form or upon the proper or ap-

propriate form, means that such document shall comply with the requirements of such form and the instructions thereto, as most recently amended by the Commission.

(2) Any application or declaration unless otherwise stated therein shall be deemed to constitute a request for appropriate Commission authorizations (or exemption) of the proposed transaction or any part thereof, and the Commission may consider the transaction or any part thereof under the appropriate provisions of the act or rules, whether or not such provisions of the act or rules are specifically designated in the application or declaration.

(3) The Commission may for cause shown, authorize a modification of particular requirements with respect to the filing of information or regarding reports or accounts, or the filing of information after the date otherwise required by these rules or by the appropriate form, or may require filing of additional information; such authorization or requirement may be evidenced in any appropriate manner.

(b) *Amendments.* Amendments to any such document, other than amendments to applications or declarations filed on Form U-1, shall comply with the requirements of the original document and shall state the complete text of each item amended. Amendments shall be filed under cover of the form amended, and shall be marked with the suffix "/A" to designate the document as an amendment, e.g., "U-7D/A."

(c) *Form U-1 (§ 259.101 of this chapter).* Applications and amendments thereto under section 6(b), 9(c)(3) and 10 of the Act and declarations and amendments thereto pursuant to sections 7, 12(b), 12(c), 12(d) or 12(f) of the Act or any rule of the Commission thereunder, shall be filed on Form U-1. Amendments shall be marked either "U-1/A" to designate the document as a pre-effective amendment or "POS AMC" to designate the document as a post-effective amendment.

(d) *Certificates of notification.* Form U-6B-2 is prescribed for any certificate of notification pursuant to the last sentence of section 6(b) of the Act. Such certificate shall be filed within 10 days

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after the issuance or sale of any securities exempted from the provisions of section 6(a) by or under the authority of section 6(b) (49 Stat. 814; 15 U.S.C. 79f), which is neither the subject of a declaration or application on Form U-1 nor included within the exemption provided by § 250.48.

(e) *Matters as to which no form is prescribed.* As to any proposed transactions, and any request for an order, for which no form of application is prescribed, applicant shall state the facts relied upon as the basis for any action which the Commission is asked to take, and shall furnish by amendment such other information as the Commission may require.

(f) *Electronic filings.* (1) Electronic filers are subject to Regulation S-T (Part 232 of this chapter) and the EDGAR Filer Manual. Any rule or instruction therein shall be controlling unless otherwise specifically provided in rules or instructions pertaining to the submission of a specific form.

(2) The terms “EDGAR,” “EDGAR Filer Manual,” “electronic filer,” “electronic filing,” “electronic format,” “electronic submission,” “paper format,” and “signature” shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in Regulation S-T—General Rules for Electronic Filings (§§ 232.10 and 237.302 of this chapter).

[6 FR 2015, Apr. 19, 1941, as amended at 19 FR 5211, Aug. 18, 1954; 58 FR 15005, Mar. 18, 1993]

§ 250.21 Filing of documents.

(a) *General provision.* All documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be delivered through the mails or otherwise to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549. Except as otherwise provided by the rules, such documents shall be deemed to have been filed with the Commission on the date when they are actually received by it.

(b) *Electronic filings.* (1) All documents required to be filed with the Commission under the Act or the rules and regulations thereunder must be filed at the principal office in Washington, DC via EDGAR by delivery to the Commission by direct transmission, via dial-up modem or Internet.

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(2) The date of filing of documents shall be determined in the manner set forth in rule 13 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.13 of this chapter).

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§ 250.22 Applications and declarations.

(a) *Joinder.* As far as practicable combined or joint applications or declarations shall be filed with respect to the same or related transactions or where related questions of law or fact are involved, and the Commission will dispose of the matter simultaneously or otherwise as may be appropriate.

(b) *Incorporation by reference.* (1) If any information required to be filed in any application or declaration is contained in any document previously or concurrently filed with the Commission pursuant to any Act administered by it, the application or declaration may, subject to the limitations of § 228.10(f) and § 229.10(d) of this chapter, incorporate such information by exact and specific reference to the filing in which it was physically filed. The Commission may refuse to permit incorporation by reference in any instance where, in its opinion, such incorporation is confusing, misleading or inadequate.

(2) *Electronic filings.* Any application or declaration filed in electronic format may incorporate by reference any information contained in any document previously or concurrently filed with the Commission under any Act administered by it, provided that, if amended, the document or amendment has been filed in accordance with the requirements of rule 102 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.102 of this chapter). Such information shall be incorporated by specific reference to the electronic filing in which it was filed, including the filer's name, the file number, the form type and the date filed.

(c) *Verification.* All applications and declarations shall be appropriately verified by an authorized officer of the applicant or declarant having knowledge of the facts, except as otherwise specifically provided in the applicable form.

(d) *Formal specifications.* All applications, declarations, certificates and